



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 28.

The day of southern immigration has arrived and with it has just begun an exodus of Americans who have tried Canada and quitting it for the milder climate and more profitable farming of the Southland. The tide is carrying with it colonists from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, the west and northwest. Immigration and industrial authorities are watching the influx, which is expected to reach its height next October. A recent report to the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway showed that since last May about 50,000 acres of land in southern Alabama had either been purchased or was about to be obtained for northwestern firms and corporations for locating settlers. Large tracts also have been taken in southern Georgia and northern Florida since the first of the year, to be divided into farms for northern settlers. Another movement is that of a colony of Slavaks from western Pennsylvania to southern Alabama. In northeast Georgia there has been started the nucleus of a colony from northwest Canada. Individual farmers from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are buying improved as well as wild lands in Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and northern Alabama. Germans and Mennonite settlers are seeking homes in districts in the more northern portions of the southeast section of the country. The big yields of wheat, corn and other crops and corresponding profits reported in many southern districts have led to the southward migration. The associations of growers in the orchard and truck districts have called attention to the possibilities in fruit and general garden truck culture.

BIBLIOMANIA is by no means epidemic in this day. Lovers of books are few and far between now by reason of cheap and voluminous newspapers. Standard books are not in demand and many volumes which would have been precious to our ancestors are often found in junk and second-hand stores where they can be purchased for a song. Occasionally, however, we hear of some deep-rooted and serious case of bibliomania. Special editions of Don Quixote, the Arabian Nights, Boccaccio's Decamerone, etc., are published and purchased by opulent people to whom these authors appeal at from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars a volume. The extraordinary book dealings of Mrs. Mary J. Hoxie, widow of John R. Hoxie, of Chicago, were reviewed a few days ago in a suit before Judge Foster for \$5,500 against Mrs. Hoxie by the University Press. The latter seeks to recover on three promissory notes to George D. Sproull, a New York book dealer, transferred to the University Press. According to Attorney Roger Sherman Mrs. Hoxie has paid \$55,000 on the contract for 130 volumes of a first edition of the works of Charles Dickens at \$1,000 a volume. The set was not completed. Mrs. Hoxie's defense is that the volumes are not worth the stipulated price.

Rev. E. L. Williams, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Chicago, has found that a good-natured kiss is the panacea for all domestic ills, and, if properly applied, would cut down the business of the divorce courts immensely. He says:

In the homes of the laboring men and in those of the rich there is a noticeable lack of sentiment that expresses itself in terms of endearment. The hand of toil gets hard and unappreciative. The rich man neglects his wife, goes to Europe—and only too often is accompanied by some fascinating woman. Attention to the courtesies of home life would save disaster.

DEPARCHES show the situation in the strike zone is serious. Disorders and riotous proceedings have been inaugurated at points on the Grand Trunk lines, cars have been burned and other overt acts committed. Troops have been called out to protect lives and property. Conditions in and around Columbus are equally alarming. Soldiers have been stoned and defied and other high-handed procedures are recorded.

NEW YORK BUTCHERS yesterday told the federal grand jury at Chicago that the National Packing Company spent \$2,000,000 to capture the New York market. Of course the consumers had to pay the loss back to the packing company. The trusts always get even.

Little Girl Killed by Automobile.
Locust, Valley, L. I., July 28.—Three-year-old Anna Hampstead was run down and killed today by an automobile in which F. N. Doubleday, of the publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Company, his daughter and chauffeur, were riding. No arrests have been made. The Doubledays were enroute to Oyster Bay. The little girl was on her way to a grocery store and ran in front of the automobile.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette)

Ordinance and fortification officers of the War Department have set to work on plans and estimates for the fortification of the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. This is to be done with the object of placing the most powerful batteries in the world between the Virginia Capes for the protection of Baltimore and Washington. While such fortification would minimize the importance of Fort Monroe, the old works there would not be reduced.

Upon the promise of Mrs. Alice Peterson of Johnsstown, Pa., that she will discontinue a unique "get rich quick system," by which she offered herself in marriage to men in various parts of the country provided they would advance traveling expenses which it is charged she calmly deposited in her savings account, the Postoffice Department today dismissed a charge against her. It is alleged that Mrs. Peterson conducted a matrimonial correspondence bureau with such success that she gained clients in many different sections of the country, although she herself was the only prize offered to the prospective beneficiaries. Several expense money complaints to the Postoffice Department with the result that Mrs. Peterson was arrested on the charge of using the mails to defraud. She was tried and fined \$50 and costs. Since then, however, she states that she has repented and that nevermore will she offer herself in marriage unless, of course, she finds the right man who wishes to pay her expenses for life.

Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission said today that he is planning to make a trip to Canada about August 10 to hold a conference with J. P. Mabey, railroad commissioner of the Dominion, with a view to reaching an agreement on through international rates. At present no through rates are made across the border, but the matter has been taken up by local governments and Knapp appointed special commissioners to work out a system which may be adopted. Governor Hughes, of New York, today continued his search for a house where, as a justice of the Supreme Court, he may reside the remainder of his days. Heard Mrs. Hughes took up their tour again today, seriously and methodically. The fact that the governor wishes a house which will provide a satisfactory library for his big collection of law books, which he may use as his study, coupled with the requirements which Mrs. Hughes demands, makes the selection difficult. It is expected, however, that they will start back to Albany tomorrow.

Evidence was received at the Department of Commerce and Labor showing that just over the Mexican border tens of thousands of Chinese are now joining in a conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of their passage back to China. The information is contained in two letters sent by Chinese prisoners now held in jail at Tucson, Ariz., on a charge of violating the Chinese exclusion laws. The letters have become so bad that a Chinese cannot make his living there. The Chinese, however, found themselves denied the right to emigrate into the United States and did not have sufficient funds to buy their passage back to China. The plan was evolved whereby the Chinese were to cross the American border, surrender themselves to the U. S. Immigration officers and be sentenced to the delightful treat of a free trip home. This would cost the government \$50 per head.

The health office today reported another death from infantile paralysis, the peculiar disease which is epidemic here and which has baffled the physicians. The latest victim is the five-year-old son of G. E. Blew, making the total number of deaths in the last few weeks, fourteen. The majority of the sufferers are convalescing but the disease continues to spread. It is said that the work of discovering a cure for the malady must first be done by some intensive method of treatment before a satisfactory method of treatment can be provided.

The appointment of Rev. Father John F. Quirk, S. J., professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, to succeed the Rev. Father John J. Fleming, as vice president of Georgetown University, was announced at the University today. Other appointments in the faculty are: Rev. Father John Tooley, S. J., who will be in charge of the sophomores class of the University and the Rev. Father Peter Archer as assistant astronomer.

The board of army engineers, engaged in apportioning the appropriation of \$20,000,000 made by Congress for the completion of reclamation projects, completed the preliminary work here today and left for Chicago. General Marshall, consulting engineer to Secretary Ballinger, will meet the board at Chicago and they will proceed westward, visiting projects in Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Idaho, ending the first stage of their journey at Salt Lake City. There they will plan an itinerary covering the coast and southwest.

The capture of Felipe Salvador, the most dangerous outlaw in Luzon, was reported to the bureau of insular affairs today in a dispatch from Governor General Forbes. Salvador was surprised and taken near San Isidro, in the province of Pangasinan by a squad of constabulary and local police.

Three carpenters employed on a new building near Chevy Chase Lake, Md., were thrown to the ground and badly hurt today, when a scaffold on which they were working fell.

A shut-down on the Falls Church and Arlington electric railroad has been caused by yesterday's storm. The powerhouse and machinery were damaged by a bolt of lightning.

Senator Frye says he will resign when he dies. The message was received in Boston today from Frederick B. Sands, secretary to the Maine senator. It had been reported that Senator Frye, like his colleague, Senator Hale, contemplated retirement on account of ill health.

William Frisch, for 25 years managing editor of the Baltimore American, is in that city today suffering from serious injuries as a result of being run over by a taxicab late last night. Mr. Frisch has been connected with the American for 35 years, and was at one time its Washington correspondent.

GRAND TRUNK STRIKE

Strike Assumes Serious Phase—Cars Burned and Riotous Scenes Enacted.

Toronto, July 28.—The statement of the Grand Trunk officials that the striking employees had asked to be taken back in a body and that this request had been refused, is denied today by the strike leaders, who declare no offer of settlement was made, save on terms of arbitration.

According to the railroad officials, the men's alleged request to return in a body was refused and they were told by President Hays they must return as individuals. The company officials say the request was made at a conference held last night by the men and Vice-President Fitzgibbon for the men also requested that they be allowed to retain their rights to pensions, which they forfeited by striking, and asked arbitration on the time for increasing wages. This time was originally set for January 1, 1913.

In declining to accept these alleged propositions, Hays declares he said: "You must apply for your jobs as new men. We hired a number of men in good faith, and cannot discharge them to make way for the men who struck. The men who went out will lose their pensions, but those who apply for positions will be taken back as far as we have room for them. This applies to all except those who have committed acts of violence."

Buffalo, N. Y., July 28.—The Grand Trunk strike situation has taken an acute form in the vicinity of Buffalo within the past 24 hours. The strikers have been active in many ways, and as a result traffic is again and more completely tied up.

Last night strike sympathizers made the blockade on the Buffalo division more effective by burning two freight cars and a caboose of a freight train on the main line at Bridgeburg. Later a delegation called at the house of Yardmaster H. C. Foster at Bridgeburg and told him that if he did not immediately leave town he would be shot.

Railroad men say fully 1,500 cars of freight are lying in the yards of the different roads here awaiting delivery to the Grand Trunk.

Detroit, July 28.—Companies A, B, C and H of the First Battalion First Infantry, were rushed early today to the Grand Trunk railway strike has gotten beyond the control of the local officials.

At the same time that the Detroit battalion was ordered to assemble in readiness for orders last night, Governor Warner ordered the Grand Rapids battalion to assemble. It also has been ordered to Durand immediately.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 28.—The Grand Trunk system, through Superintendent Cunningham, today called upon the Ottawa officials for troops to guard the railroad property, following the burning last night of cars at Fort Erie and the station at Amagari. So far, it is understood, no soldiers have been ordered out. There has been no disorder here today.

The Third Party Convention.
Philadelphia, July 28.—After a night of compromises and attempted deals to effect a combination for the defeat of Clarence Giboney, the well known reform leader, and ex-State Treasurer Berry, the two strongest and most logical candidates to head the ticket, the party chiefs had a bitter fight on their hands when the third party state convention opened here today. To defeat these two candidates, Rudolph Blankenburg, of this city, has been forced to the front by the Senate-Niles Carr faction. Neither the Berry nor Giboney would agree on the latter's compromise, and entered the convention determined to brook no interference from the "plotting" leaders. The convention will be a bitter and determined one, and the outcome depends upon the marshalling of the forces of the two leading candidates.

While last hour announcements by Berry and Giboney leaders were to the effect that both were hopeful of success, they were emphatic in their denunciation of the "self-appointed leaders" and declared they would not enter into any combination, but would go to defeat fighting for principle. However, the steam roller which has been employed so effectively in machine conventions is ready for instant use and that it will be employed at the convention to flatten out Berry and Giboney opponents.

The opposition leaders admit that Giboney and Berry must not be nominated and openly declare they propose to go to the limit to defeat these men. John C. Sheats called the convention to order shortly before noon. He made a short opening speech after which he introduced Henry C. Niles as permanent chairman.

Shakeup in Chinese Foreign Office.
Peking, July 28.—A general shakeup in the Chinese Foreign Office became effective under an imperial edict announcing that Liang Tun-yen was permitted to resign as senior assistant vice president. It was stated that he might return to the service if he recovered his health. Changes were made in all the important offices except that of the president, who is Prince Ching. The new officials are all well known in diplomatic circles in Europe and America. The shake-up is declared to be without political significance, but it is stated, incidentally, that it is "satisfactory" to Prince Ching.

Premature publication in San Francisco, a newspaper story that the police had located Joseph Wendling, the man who had been charged with the killing of Little Anna Kellner, prevented the capture of the man today, according to a statement made today at police headquarters in San Francisco. The police admitted that they had been shadowing Wendling for three weeks, but said he was warned of their activities by newspaper stories and slipped through their hands.

Representatives of the good road movement from every part of the country met at Niagara Falls, N. Y., today in the National Good Roads Congress, which will continue in session here until Saturday. Congressman William Sulzer, as presiding officer of the Congress, in outlining the scope of the movement declared improved highways of paramount importance to the commercial and farming interests of the country.

COLUMBUS STRIKE.

Situation in Columbus, Ohio, Serious—Cars and Soldiers Stoned—Governor Orders Troops to the Capital City.

Columbus, O., July 28.—State troops arrived this morning to aid the city authorities in checking rioting which has continued since the Columbus Railway and Light Company's attempt to operate its cars with imported strikebreakers four days ago.

The situation passed beyond control of the police last night, and shortly before midnight Mayor Marshall made formal request for state aid in preserving peace.

From Chavoy, Mich., where he is spending his vacation, the governor authorized Adjutant General Waybrant to call out the troops.

By noon, 2,000 troops were expected to be in the capital city.

The operation officers was suspended at 10 o'clock last night, and by order of the mayor, none will be operated until the state militia has the situation in full charge. The company has plenty of strikebreakers, and about 100 out of the 600 regular men have remained loyal to the company. The rioting of last night was the worst since the strike of the union carmen was declared last Sunday morning. There were interruptions of the car service on nearly every line of the city, union sympathizers stoning cars, and tearing up and blacking the tracks. Few passengers rode the cars, and non-union motormen, covering in the vestibules of their cars, drove pell-mell through the streets in the troubled districts while rioters pelted the cars with missiles.

Hamilton, O., July 28.—Strike sympathizers threw iron bolts and stones at members of Company E, Third Regiment, Ohio National Guard, this morning as they were waiting for a train to convey them to Columbus, on account of the street car strike there. The militiamen had no ammunition and made no resistance.

Killed and Wounded in Riot.

New York, July 28.—One unidentified man was instantly killed, three fatally shot, one seriously shot and more than a score beaten, in a riot on the pier of the American Sugar Refinery Company at Brooklyn today.

More than 10,000 persons gathered in the vicinity and reserves from all sections of the city were rushed to the spot to prevent further outbreaks. All the injured men were taken to a hospital and the fatal shots were fired by fifty armed special policemen who were detailed to guard sixty strike breaking drivers sent to the docks today.

More than a score of shots were fired during the rioting, which was participated in by 800 strikers and their sympathizers, and the fifty special officers and sixty strike breakers.

The Search for Dr. Crippen and Miss Levee.

Father Point, Quebec, July 28.—The Canadian police officials are in possession of facts that have not been made public regarding the whereabouts of Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Clare Levee, who were ordered here by the provincial police, who were ordered here by the attorney general of the province of Quebec. The high police officials bear warrants for the arrest of Dr. Crippen and Miss Levee. Their orders are to board the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose with the pilots off Father Point, and to arrest Crippen and Miss Levee if they are on board.

The Military Question in England.

London, July 28.—Agitation for compulsory military service in England, which started for the second time in the House of Lords ten days ago, has been pushed so energetically that there is today no doubt that it will be an issue in the next national campaign, which will probably be early in January. While the liberals remain in control of the administration it is certain that the military element will fail to secure the fulfillment of its wishes, but in the event of a conservative victory in the next election, it is equally certain that every effort will be made toward the adoption of the militaristic plan.

Madrid's Appeal Refused.

Berlin, July 28.—The Foreign Office today authorized the statement that Germany had refused to lodge a protest at Washington against interference by the United States in the affairs of Nicaragua. Six weeks ago an appeal was received from President Madrid of Nicaragua, for a protest by Germany against American intervention, and the fact that Germany's reply was not made known until today indicates that the Foreign Office gave the matter the most careful attention.

Today's statement by the Foreign Office is to the effect that "Germany replied, politely refusing to intervene." The Madrid appeal was the same as that sent by him to European countries and to Mexico.

Minnesota Democrats.

Minneapolis, July 28.—Only one thing can now stop the nomination of John Lind for governor by the democratic convention here and that would be a telegram from him declining the honor.

The anti-option forces clearly have control. The word went out that county option must not be mentioned in the platform and the county optionists agreed not to push for an "option" resolution. The probable outcome will be a plank for the initiative and referendum.

The convention was called to order by Frank A. Day, chairman of the state committee, and he at once introduced Congressman W. S. Hammond as temporary chairman. Hammond delivered a keynote speech, denouncing the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The convention then got down to business, expecting to finish its work late today.

Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, underwent an operation at St. Mary's Hospital at Rochester, Minn., today. The nature or cause of the operation was not divulged, but the doctors declare that it was not serious and that the patient will be confined to his bed no more than three days.

That an attempt was made to buy seventeen democratic votes for Albert J. Hopkins for United States senator, early in the session of the last general assembly, in January, 1909, is the charge made by the Chicago Tribune today.

Advance in the Market.

New York, July 28.—The announcement that strong banking interests had taken control of securities held by the pool headed by Dr. F. S. Pearson, an Englishman, and composed of English and Canadian capitalists, caused a big advance in the stock market today. Heavy gains were reported from London and the reaction upward was followed on the local market.

That big interests were again bulling the market was evident from the very opening, immense buying orders flooding the exchange.

The market had advanced from 2 to 6 points above Tuesday's close there was considerable profit taking, followed by a slight check in the advance, but most of the gains were sustained.

The market rally is believed primarily to have been due to the action of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, in taking over \$30,000,000 worth of securities, at a private sale, from the Pearson syndicate, which is said to have been greatly strained by the slump in prices. The holdings consist of stock purchased when the Pearson syndicate was anxious to form a new trans-continental railroad line, and are made of immense blocks of Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, Wabash and Lehigh Valley. It is rumored in Wall street today that Kuhn, Loeb & Company, and their European associates intend to carry out the idea of the Pearson syndicate and form the new trans-continental system. Well informed financiers say the matter is being given serious consideration, and legal authorities are said to have declared that the combination anticipated would not be contrary to law.

Spain and the Vatican.

Madrid, July 28.—El Liberal, one of the leading Madrid papers, declares today that the Vatican has addressed a note note, practically amounting to an ultimatum, to the Spanish government, stating that it will be impossible to continue negotiations for modifying the Concordat unless Spain postpones or withdraws its recent laws regulating the state and church.

These laws are far more liberal to the non-Catholic organization than the old laws, and have proved offensive to the Catholic leaders.

A cabinet meeting has been called to discuss the situation. El Liberal understands that the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican will be immediately recalled, and that the Papal Nuncio at Madrid will be given his passports.

RETURNS LOVE FOR STARS.

Miss Mary Napier, who was stabbed June 10 by her sweetheart, Bernie Howard, pleaded so strongly for his dismissal when he was arraigned in police court in Richmond for hearing yesterday that Justice Crutchehead gave up and said: "I know when I'm beaten." The defendant is given his liberty. When the charge was read, the girl came forward and said: "Please don't punish him. Really, it was all my fault. I am sure he did not intend to cut me. I feel I am more to blame than any one else." "Do you still love this young man?" asked justice. "Yes," she replied with a blush, "and I do hope you will let him go."

The happy couple disappeared after profuse thanks.

STRUCK BY TRAINS.

Twelve people were injured, one fatally, when a Cleveland, Ohio, street car was struck by an outward bound Pennsylvania train at the Thirty-eighth street grade crossing yesterday evening. The street car was hurled from the tracks and smashed into splinters. There were only 11 passengers on board the car, every one of whom was more or less severely injured.

Mrs. Peter Montreille, failing to see the approach of a passenger train, wheeled the baby carriage containing her twin sons, a year old, on the track in front of it yesterday. She was unable to snatch it back and saw the carriage and her babies hurled 75 feet in the air. When she reached them one of the twins, Guido, was playing gleefully in the sand, but the other was dead. The accident occurred at the Griffin grade crossing 10 miles east of Hammond, Ind., and the train was the Erie flyer.

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FIFTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE OF AN OLD NURSE.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the prescription of one of the best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and has been used for fifty years with never-failing success by millions of mothers for their children. It relieves the child from pain, cures diarrhoea, griping in the bowels, and wind colic. By giving health to the child it rests the mother. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Sir Henry Tichborne, who, as a child, was defendant in Arthur Orton's case, is attempting to possess himself of the Tichborne estates, died in London yesterday.

Rev. Father John F. Quirk, S. J., professor of philosophy at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, will succeed the Rev. Father John J. Fleming, S. J., as vice president of Georgetown University for the scholastic year of 1910-11.

Betting on the races at the Maryland Club, the poolroom which was opened last Monday at Kenilworth, Md., just across the District of Columbia line, received a severe jolt yesterday, when its telephone service, supplied by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company was suddenly cut off.

While fighting a fire from the roof of a stable at 1309 Wylie court northeast Washington, yesterday afternoon, Stewart K. Rosenberger, of No. 10, Engine Company, was knocked to the ground by the rebound of the hose, receiving a fractured skull, from which he died at Casualty Hospital last night.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Arthur of Lee Summit, Md., died yesterday from inhalation of ground allspice sprinkled into her face by her brother, a child of eighteen months. The little boy picked up a can of allspice and dashed it into his sister's face as he had often seen his mother use the can of talcum powder.

General Minlet, who two days ago started an uprising near El Caney, Cuba, was surprised in camp yesterday and captured by a detachment of the guard under Lieutenant Carrillo. One of Minlet's insurgents was killed. Minlet and two others were taken prisoners and the others fled.

A cablegram from the agent of the Peruvian Steamship Company announces that the Haullaga, which left Panama July 21, was burned at sea on the northern coast of Peru today. No passengers, lives were lost, but three of her seamen perished. Through a wireless message to her sister ship, the Ucayali, the latter vessel was enabled to pick her up and transfer the passengers and the remainder of the crew.

According to figures prepared by the census bureau the larger cities of the country pay more for schools and for police and fire protection and related service than on all other accounts, and of these two items the payment on account of schools is much the larger, the per capita expense for schools being \$4.70 as compared with \$2.25 for police, and \$1.72 for fire protection.

Frank Montaguado, a Spaniard, 40 years old, fireman on the Peerless; James Goidel, assistant engineer, and Hugh Harper, a deckhand, were caught in the explosion of a steam-chest on the tug at Baltimore yesterday. Montaguado was literally boiled alive and died in a few minutes after his rescue. The other two were taken to a hospital and may not live. The men were rescued from the steam-filled engine room by Capt. Irving Lyding, of the tug Dixie, which was lying near the Peerless.

An automobile containing two men and a boy plunged into an uncovered elevator shaft in the garage at 229 West Fifty-fourth street New York yesterday afternoon, instantly killing Leroy Peltier, foreman of the place, who was driving the car; fracturing the leg of John Stafford a 14-year-old boy of Huntington, L. I., who was assisting a maneling that his parents had agreed to purchase for him, and severely injuring John Fulton, a machinist, and brother-in-law of Peltier.

Because he is a mulatto some of the negroes of the District of Columbia are objecting to the appointment of Whitefield McKinley as collector of the port at Georgetown, recently made by President Taft. One prominent member of his race, speaking for a part of his people, said yesterday that they do not believe the appointment of a mulatto would be of any benefit to their race. Some white men, he said, should receive the appointment. He declared that it was not right, when recognizing the negro race, to give all the good positions to mulattoes.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

While sawing shingles Tuesday 6 miles northwest of Woodstock, Jesse Cooke, aged 45, was struck over the left eye by a billet which he was sawing and his skull was fractured.

Judge Woodfill, of the United States Court, sustained a sprained ankle Sunday by falling over a broken pavement at Virginia Beach while returning from church.

J. M. and J. S. Pirkey, of Grottoes, have purchased a one-half interest in the property commonly known as the "Grottoes of the Shenandoah" located near Grottoes. The other half is owned by New York interests. The property embraces over 125 acres, including the famous Veyer's Cave.

Beach Park Hotel, the board walk, dancing pavilion, piers and other buildings at West Point, a summer resort which is supported by Richmonders, was burned at an early hour yesterday. The loss will go from twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

Sealed offers for the sale of sites on which to erect federal buildings authorized by act of the recent congress were opened Monday by the supervising architect of the treasury in Washington for the towns of South Boston, Waynesboro, Warrenton, Pulaski and Franklin.

About 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning a big touring car rolled into Rockville, Md., bearing Miss Virginia Lee Rose and Judson Rawlett, both of Edge Hill, King George county. They were runaways and having awakened Rev. S. R. White they were soon married in due form.

An army of common fleas has captured Richmond, and complaint is heard from all quarters of the city. The fleas are present in millions. The Health Department explains that the plague is due to the hot spell and says that the insects will disappear when a drop in the mercury occurs.

Mr. J. Townsend Harwell of "Carter Hall, in Clarke county, has just sold to Mr. Frank B. Gibb a tract of land of 58 acres for a price in excess of \$1